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Comment: Throughout the report, read Uzia River as Usa
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1. During May and June 1953, observations were made on an airfield near Abez (66°30' N/ 61°46' E), Ural MD, east of the Uzia River, about 800 meters north of a one-track railroad line. The field was located on a long elevation about 15 meters above the surroundings covered with underwood. It measured about 500 x 400 meters and was not surrounded by a fence. There were possibilities to enlarge the field by 200 to 300 meters to the west. No flight obstacles were seen around the field. There was no spur track, but a road extending to the field. Three barrack-like wooden buildings were located along the eastern edge of the field. One of them had a wind cone attached. No runway, taxiways, radio and DF installations, airfield boundary or obstacle lights were observed. The type or strength of the occupation could not be determined. No air force soldiers were seen near the field or in Abez. Some civilians were apparently employed as maintenance personnel. Guard duty was conducted by MGB soldiers who wore red epaulets. Soldiers of the guard details of the individual camps were repeatedly observed marching toward the airfield.
2. Between May and 18 June 1953, little air activity by biplanes was observed during daytime and no flights were made at night. A twin-engine low-wing monoplane once landed at the field. One commercial aircraft daily crossed over Abez coming from the direction of Vorkuta (67°30' N/ 64°00' E). A Soviet civilian stated that regular air traffic was scheduled to be conducted at Abez airfield.

Comment. Abez airfield seems to be of minor local importance. It is not used by combat aircraft. For location sketch of airfield, see Annex.

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Abez Airfield

- 1 Airfield on elevation, about 500 x 400 meters, not fenced in, with wooden barracks; wind come on southernmost barracks
- 2 Dong flax elevation, about 15 meters higher than its surroundings with underwood
- 3 Macadamized road toward airfield, about 4 meters wide
- 4 Wooden garages, surrounded by barbed wire
- 5 Old wooden bridge
- 6 Tributary of Uzia River, about 30 meters wide
- 7 Lake
- 8 Uzia River, 80 to 100 meters wide, with steep banks 8 to 12 meters deep, suitable for navigation
- 9 Railroad bridge
- 10 Single-track railroad line
- 11 Abez railroad station
- 12 Lake
- 13 Small troop training grounds for guard details
- 14 Pier
- 15 Macadamized road, about 6 meters wide
- 16 PW Camp No 6
- 17 PW Camp No 5
- 18 PW Camp No 1
- 19 PW Camp No 4
- 20 Women Camp No 2
- 21 Wooden apartment houses
- 22 Cantonment housing MGB soldiers wearing red epaulets

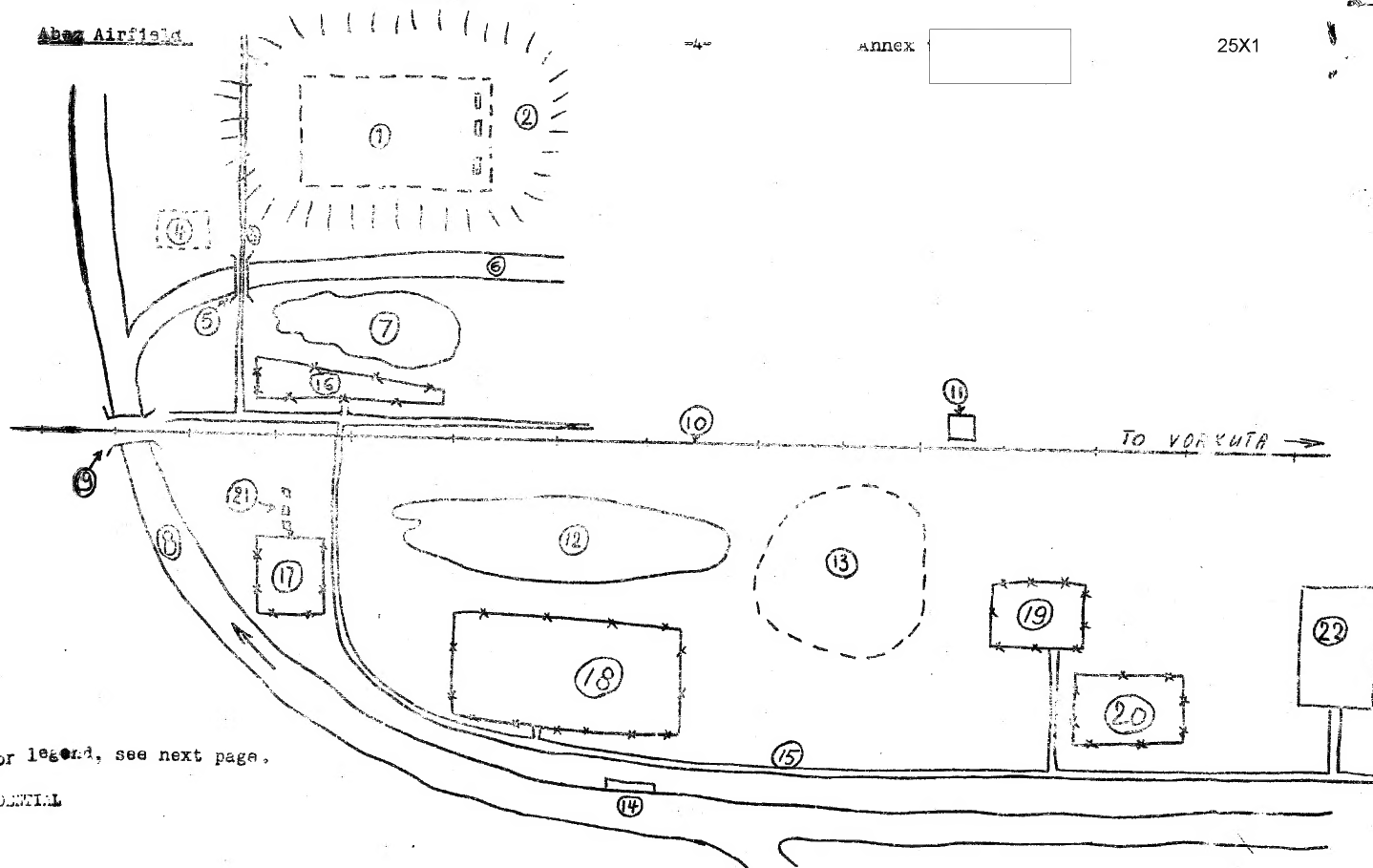
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